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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examining the above-referenced application, the Examiner is requested to enter
the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-51.

Please enter the following new claims:

52. A container having an internal surface and an external surface adapted to contain a
water-based formulation and its related vapors, the container comprising:

an anti-skinning layer located on at least a portion of the internal surface, wherein the
anti-skinning layer is capable of retaining a layer of the formulation without excluding the
formulation vapor in the container from contacting the formulation.

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